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1. OVERDUE CC PLENUM BEGAN JULY 17 WITH ENLARGED ATTENDANCE AND IS EXPECTED END BEFORE MESSMER VISIT WHICH STARTS JULY 20. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, FIRST DAY DEVOTED TO REPORT BY TODOR ZHIVKOV "ON SOME QUESTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL SITUATION" AND DISCUSSION THEREOF.

2. COMMENT: ACCORDING DIPLOMATIC CORPS RUMOR, ZHIVKOV (BREZHNEV) POLICY OF IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH WEST AND ESPECIALLY US MET OPPOSITION WITHIN PARTY, INCLUDING SOME MEMBERS POLITBURO. HOWEVER, NONE OF REPUTED HARD-LINERS IN POLITBURO WERE REPORTED AS SPEAKING JULY 17. EMBASSY INCLINED BELIEVE RUMOR, WHICH MAY ACCOUNT FOR FAILURE PRESS MENTION LUKANOV MISSION AND OTHER THINGS. HOWEVER, AFTER PODGORNYY VISIT HERE, TIME FOR BCP DEBATE ON IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH US HAS PASSED AND PLENUM SHOULD SERVE TO CLOSE PARTY DIVISIONS ON ISSUE. OBSERVERS STILL EXPECTING TOP-LEVEL PERSONNEL CHANGES AT PLENUM.

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